

# Will The Circle Be Unbroken with Gospel Ship

for Wes Niles  
for TTBB and Big Band

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Soulful mm = 72

## Verse

TT  
I was stand - in' by the win - da' On a cold and

BB  
Oh Oh

Piano  
Vocal C F<sup>9</sup>

Bass

Trumpet 1 & 4  
Vocal

Trumpet 2 & 3  
Vocal

Alto Saxes 1 & 2  
Vocal

Tenor Sax 1 & 2  
Vocal

Baritone Sax  
Vocal

Trombones 1 & 2  
Vocal

Trombone 3 & 4  
Vocal

Bass  
Vocal Verse

Guitar  
Vocal Verse F<sup>9</sup>

Drums  
Vocal Verse Time

Standard R & B Groove

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 2

6

clou - dy day. When I saw the hearse come roll - in'

Oh

C

C

TT

BB

Piano

Bass

Trumpet 1 & 4

Trumpet 2 & 3

Alto Saxes 1 & 2

Tenor Sax 1 & 2

Baritone Sax

Trombones 1 & 2

Trombone 3 & 4

Bass

Guitar

Drums

Detailed description: This is a page of a musical score for a gospel song. It features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The piano part includes a bass line and a right-hand part with chords and melodic lines. There are also staves for various instruments: Trumpet 1 & 4, Trumpet 2 & 3, Alto Saxes 1 & 2, Tenor Sax 1 & 2, Baritone Sax, Trombones 1 & 2, Trombone 3 & 4, a second Bass line, Guitar, and Drums. The score is marked with a '6' in a box at the top left. The lyrics are 'clou - dy day. When I saw the hearse come roll - in'' and 'Oh'. There are two 'C' time signature markings. The guitar and drums parts are indicated by slashes, suggesting a specific rhythmic pattern.

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 3

12

Chorus

TT  
come and take my mother a - way. Ooo\_\_\_\_\_ Will the cir - cle

BB

Piano  
Am F Dm7 F C Dm/C C C

Bass

Trumpet 1 & 4

Trumpet 2 & 3

Alto Saxes 1 & 2

Tenor Sax 1 & 2  
*mp*

Baritone Sax  
*mp*

Trombones 1 & 2  
*mp*

Trombone 3 & 4

Bass  
*Chorus*

Guitar  
Am F Dm7 F C Dm/C C *Chorus*

Drums  
*Chorus*

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 4

18

TT  
be un - brok - en by and by, Lord, by \_\_\_\_\_ and by.

BB  
Ooo

Piano  
F<sup>9</sup> C

Bass

Trumpet 1 & 4

Trumpet 2 & 3

Alto Saxes 1 & 2  
*mf*

Tenor Sax 1 & 2  
*mf*

Baritone Sax  
*mf*

Trombones 1 & 2  
*mf*

Trombone 3 & 4  
*mf*

Bass

Guitar  
F<sup>9</sup> C

Drums

Detailed description: This is a page of a musical score for a band. It features ten staves. The top two staves are for vocalists (TT and BB) with lyrics. The next two are for Piano and Bass. The remaining six staves are for various instruments: Trumpet 1 & 4, Trumpet 2 & 3, Alto Saxes 1 & 2, Tenor Sax 1 & 2, Baritone Sax, Trombones 1 & 2, Trombone 3 & 4, Bass, Guitar, and Drums. The score includes chord changes for F<sup>9</sup> and C, and dynamic markings like *mf*. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#).

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 5

24

There's a bet - ta' home a - wai - tin' In the sky Lord

Am F

Am F

TT

BB

Piano

Bass

Trumpet 1 & 4

Trumpet 2 & 3

Alto Saxes 1 & 2

Tenor Sax 1 & 2

Baritone Sax

Trombones 1 & 2

Trombone 3 & 4

Bass

Guitar

Drums

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 6

30

Verse

TT in the sky. Ooo Un - der - tak - er, Un - der tak - er.

BB Oh Oh

Dm7 F C Dm/C C C

Trumpet 1 & 4

Trumpet 2 & 3

Alto Saxes 1 & 2 *mp*

Tenor Sax 1 & 2 *mp*

Baritone Sax *mp*

Trombones 1 & 2

Trombone 3 & 4 *mp*

Bass *Verse*

Dm7 F C Dm/C C *Verse*

Guitar *Verse*

Drums *Verse*

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 7

36

TT Will you please drive slow. For that lady

BB Oh

Piano F<sup>9</sup> C

Trumpet 1 & 4

Trumpet 2 & 3

Alto Saxes 1 & 2

Tenor Sax 1 & 2

Baritone Sax

Trombones 1 & 2

Trombone 3 & 4

Bass

Guitar F<sup>9</sup> C

Drums

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 8

42

that you're haul - in' I hate to see her go. Ooo

Am F Dm7 F C Dm/C

mp mf

Am F Dm7 F C Dm/C C

TT

BB

Piano

Bass

Trumpet 1 & 4

Trumpet 2 & 3

Alto Saxes 1 & 2

Tenor Sax 1 & 2

Baritone Sax

Trombones 1 & 2

Trombone 3 & 4

Bass

Guitar

Drums

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 9

48

*Chorus*

TT Will the cir - cle be un - brok - en by and by, Lord,

BB

Piano C C F<sup>9</sup>

Bass

Trumpet 1 & 4

Trumpet 2 & 3

Alto Saxes 1 & 2

Tenor Sax 1 & 2

Baritone Sax

Trombones 1 & 2

Trombone 3 & 4

Bass *Chorus*

Guitar *Chorus* F<sup>9</sup>

Drums *Chorus*

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 10

54

by \_\_\_\_\_ and by. There's a bet - ta' home a - wai - tin'

Ooo

C

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

C

TT

BB

Piano

Bass

Trumpet 1 & 4

Trumpet 2 & 3

Alto Saxs 1 & 2

Tenor Sax 1 & 2

Baritone Sax

Trombones 1 & 2

Trombone 3 & 4

Bass

Guitar

Drums

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 11

60

Verse

TT In the sky Lord in the sky Ooo Then I follow - ed

BB

Am F Dm7 F C Dm/C C C

Piano

Bass

Trumpet 1 & 4 *mf*

Trumpet 2 & 3 *mf*

Alto Saxes 1 & 2 *mf*

Tenor Sax 1 & 2 *mf*

Baritone Sax *mf*

Trombones 1 & 2 *mf*

Trombone 3 & 4 *mf*

Verse

Bass

Am F Dm7 F C Dm/C C

Guitar

Drums

Verse

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 12

66

close be - hind her And I tried to be so brave.

Oh

F<sup>9</sup> C

mf

F<sup>9</sup> C

TT

BB

Piano

Bass

Trumpet 1 & 4

Trumpet 2 & 3

Alto Saxes 1 & 2

Tenor Sax 1 & 2

Baritone Sax

Trombones 1 & 2

Trombone 3 & 4

Bass

Guitar

Drums

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 13

72

TT  
but I just could'nt hold my sor - row. when they laid her

BB  
Oh

Piano  
Am F

Bass

Trumpet 1 & 4

Trumpet 2 & 3

Alto Saxes 1 & 2

Tenor Sax 1 & 2

Baritone Sax

Trombones 1 & 2  
*mf*

Trombone 3 & 4

Bass

Guitar  
Am F

Drums

Detailed description: This is a page of a musical score for a gospel ensemble. It features a vocal line with lyrics: "but I just could'nt hold my sor - row. when they laid her". The instrumental parts include Piano, Bass, Trumpets (1 & 4, 2 & 3), Alto Saxes (1 & 2), Tenor Sax (1 & 2), Baritone Sax, Trombones (1 & 2, 3 & 4), Guitar, and Drums. The score is in 4/4 time and includes dynamic markings like *mf* and chord changes to Am and F.

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 14

78

in the grave. Ooo Will the cir - cle be un - brok - en

**Chords:** Dm7, F, C, Dm/C, C, C

**Instrumentation:** TT, BB, Piano, Bass, Trumpet 1 & 4, Trumpet 2 & 3, Alto Saxes 1 & 2, Tenor Sax 1 & 2, Baritone Sax, Trombones 1 & 2, Trombone 3 & 4, Bass, Guitar, Drums

The score is for a 12-piece band. The vocalists (TT and BB) sing the lyrics. The piano part includes chords and a bass line. The guitar and drums provide accompaniment. The horn section (Trumpets, Saxes, and Trombones) plays a melodic line. The bass line is a simple eighth-note pattern.

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 15

84

by and by, Lord, by and by. There's a bet - ta'

Ooo

F<sup>9</sup> C

F<sup>9</sup> C

TT

BB

Piano

Bass

Trumpet 1 & 4

Trumpet 2 & 3

Alto Saxes 1 & 2

Tenor Sax 1 & 2

Baritone Sax

Trombones 1 & 2

Trombone 3 & 4

Bass

Guitar

Drums

Detailed description: This is a page of a musical score for a gospel ensemble. It features a vocal line at the top with lyrics: "by and by, Lord, by and by. There's a bet - ta'". Below the vocal line are staves for Trombone 1 & 2, Trombone 3 & 4, Baritone Sax, Tenor Sax 1 & 2, Alto Saxes 1 & 2, Trumpet 1 & 4, Trumpet 2 & 3, Bass, Piano, and Guitar. The Piano and Guitar parts include chord markings for F<sup>9</sup> and C. The Drum part is indicated by a series of diagonal slashes. The score is written in a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The page number 84 is in the top left corner.

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 16

90

TT  
home a - wai - tin' In the sky Lord in the sky Ooo

BB

Piano  
Am F Dm7 F C, Dm/C  
*Molto Ritard*

Bass

Trumpet 1 & 4  
*Molto Ritard*

Trumpet 2 & 3  
*Molto Ritard*

Alto Saxs 1 & 2  
*Molto Ritard*

Tenor Sax 1 & 2  
*Molto Ritard*

Baritone Sax  
*Molto Ritard*

Trombones 1 & 2  
*Molto Ritard*

Trombone 3 & 4  
*Molto Ritard*

Bass  
*Molto Ritard*

Guitar  
Am F Dm7 F C, Dm/C  
*Molto Ritard*

Drums  
*Molto Ritard*

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 17

96

*Driving Gospel mm = 132*

I'm 'gon - na take a trip

*Driving Gospel mm = 132*  
C  
N/C

F

*Driving Gospel mm = 132*

*f*

*Driving Gospel mm = 132*

*f*

*Driving Gospel mm = 132*

*f*

*Driving Gospel mm = 132*

*f*

*Driving Gospel mm = 132*

*f*

*Driving Gospel mm = 132*

*f*

*Driving Gospel mm = 132*

*f*

*Driving Gospel mm = 132*

*Driving Gospel mm = 132*  
C  
N/C

F

*Driving Gospel mm = 132*

*Fill*

This musical score is for a 17-measure section of the piece 'Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship'. It is marked with a rehearsal cue '96' and a tempo of 'Driving Gospel mm = 132'. The score is written in 4/4 time and features a variety of instruments and vocal parts. The vocal line (TT) includes the lyrics 'I'm 'gon - na take a trip'. The piano and guitar parts include chord markings for C, N/C, and F. The brass and woodwind sections (Trumpet 1 & 4, Trumpet 2 & 3, Alto Saxes 1 & 2, Tenor Sax 1 & 2, Baritone Sax, Trombones 1 & 2, Trombone 3 & 4) all play a melodic line starting in measure 11, marked with a forte 'f' dynamic. The bass and drums provide a steady accompaniment throughout the section.

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 18

102

in that good Old Gos - pel Ship, I am go - in' far be - yond the sky

B<sup>b7</sup> F C

Trumpet 1 & 4

Trumpet 2 & 3

Alto Saxes 1 & 2

Tenor Sax 1 & 2

Baritone Sax

Trombones 1 & 2

Trombone 3 & 4

Bass

Guitar

Drums

Detailed description: This is a page of a musical score for the song 'Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship'. The page is numbered 102. It features a vocal line for Tenor (TT) and Bass (BB) with lyrics: 'in that good Old Gos - pel Ship, I am go - in' far be - yond the sky'. The instrumental arrangement includes Piano, Bass, Trumpet 1 & 4, Trumpet 2 & 3, Alto Saxes 1 & 2, Tenor Sax 1 & 2, Baritone Sax, Trombones 1 & 2, Trombone 3 & 4, a second Bass line, Guitar, and Drums. The piano part includes chord markings for B<sup>b7</sup>, F, and C. The guitar part has slash marks indicating rhythmic patterns. The drums part shows a steady beat. The score is written in a key signature of one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and a common time signature.

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 19

108

**TT**  
I'm 'gon - na' Shout and sing (Shout and sing) un - til 'ole hea - ven rings. When I bid

**BB**

**Piano**  
C7 F B<sup>b</sup>7 F

**Bass**

**Trumpet 1 & 4**

**Trumpet 2 & 3**

**Alto Saxes 1 & 2**

**Tenor Sax 1 & 2**

**Baritone Sax**

**Trombones 1 & 2**

**Trombone 3 & 4**

**Bass**

**Guitar**  
C7 F B<sup>b</sup>7 F

**Drums**  
*Fill*

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 20

114

TT  
this 'ole world bye, good - good - bye. I have good news to bring and that is why I sing

BB

Piano  
C E<sup>b</sup> E F F B<sup>b</sup>7

Bass

Trumpet 1 & 4

Trumpet 2 & 3

Alto Saxes 1 & 2

Tenor Sax 1 & 2

Baritone Sax

Trombones 1 & 2

Trombone 3 & 4

Bass

Guitar  
C E<sup>b</sup> E F F B<sup>b</sup>7

Drums

Detailed description: This is a page of a musical score for a gospel song. It features a vocal line at the top with lyrics: "this 'ole world bye, good - good - bye. I have good news to bring and that is why I sing". Below the vocal line are staves for various instruments: Baritone Bass (BB), Piano, Bass, Trumpet 1 & 4, Trumpet 2 & 3, Alto Saxes 1 & 2, Tenor Sax 1 & 2, Baritone Sax, Trombones 1 & 2, Trombone 3 & 4, Bass, Guitar, and Drums. The piano and guitar parts include chord diagrams for C, E<sup>b</sup>, E, F, and B<sup>b</sup>7. The drum part shows a steady 4/4 rhythm with a mix of eighth and quarter notes.

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 21

120

TT  
All my joy with you I'd like to share; I'm gon - na take a trip

BB  
All my joy. Like to share. Ooo

Piano  
F F7 C C7sus4 F

Bass

Trumpet 1 & 4

Trumpet 2 & 3

Alto Saxes 1 & 2

Tenor Sax 1 & 2

Baritone Sax

Trombones 1 & 2

Trombone 3 & 4

Bass

Guitar  
F F7 C7sus4 F

Drums  
Fill

Detailed description: This is a page of a musical score for the song 'Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship'. The score is for rehearsal mark 120. It features vocal parts for Tenor Trumpet (TT) and Baritone Bass (BB). The TT part has lyrics: 'All my joy with you I'd like to share; I'm gon - na take a trip'. The BB part has lyrics: 'All my joy. Like to share. Ooo'. The piano part includes chords: F, F7, C, C7sus4, and F. The bass line is a steady eighth-note pattern. The brass section includes Trumpet 1 & 4, Trumpet 2 & 3, Trombone 1 & 2, and Trombone 3 & 4. The saxophone section includes Alto Saxes 1 & 2, Tenor Sax 1 & 2, and Baritone Sax. The guitar part has chords: F, F7, C7sus4, and F. The drums part features a steady eighth-note pattern with a 'Fill' indicated in the fifth measure.

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 22

126

in that good Old Gos - pel Ship. I want to go sail - ing through the air.

Sail - ing.

Chords: F7, B $\flat$ , F, C, F, B $\flat$

Instrumentation: TT, BB, Piano, Bass, Trumpet 1 & 4, Trumpet 2 & 3, Alto Saxes 1 & 2, Tenor Sax 1 & 2, Baritone Sax, Trombones 1 & 2, Trombone 3 & 4, Bass, Guitar, Drums.

Detailed description: This is a page of a musical score for the song 'Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship'. The page is numbered 126. It features a vocal line at the top with lyrics: 'in that good Old Gos - pel Ship. I want to go sail - ing through the air.' Below the vocal line is a bass line for the vocalists. The piano accompaniment consists of a right-hand part with chords (F7, B $\flat$ , F, C, F, B $\flat$ ) and a left-hand bass line. The instrumental section includes parts for Trumpet 1 & 4, Trumpet 2 & 3, Alto Saxes 1 & 2, Tenor Sax 1 & 2, Baritone Sax, Trombones 1 & 2, Trombone 3 & 4, Bass, Guitar, and Drums. The guitar part is indicated by slashes, and the drums part shows a steady rhythmic pattern.

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 23

132

1. 2.

TT

BB

Piano

Bass

Trumpet 1 & 4

Trumpet 2 & 3

Alto Saxes 1 & 2

Tenor Sax 1 & 2

Baritone Sax

Trombones 1 & 2

Trombone 3 & 4

Bass

Guitar

Drums

I'm I'm I'm gon-nat take a trip in that good Old Gos - pel Ship,

F C F C D G C7 G

Fill Fill

Detailed description: This is a page of a musical score for a band. It features a vocal line with two endings (1. and 2.) and lyrics: "I'm I'm I'm gon-nat take a trip in that good Old Gos - pel Ship,". The instrumental parts include Piano, Bass, Trumpet 1 & 4, Trumpet 2 & 3, Alto Saxes 1 & 2, Tenor Sax 1 & 2, Baritone Sax, Trombones 1 & 2, Trombone 3 & 4, Bass, Guitar, and Drums. The piano and guitar parts include chord markings: F, C, D, G, and C7. The drum part includes "Fill" markings. The score is in 4/4 time and has a key signature of one sharp (F#).

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 24

138

TT  
I am go-in' far be-yond the sky I'm 'gon-na' Shout and sing (Shout and sing) un-

BB

Piano  
D D7 G

Bass

Trumpet 1 & 4

Trumpet 2 & 3

Alto Saxes 1 & 2

Tenor Sax 1 & 2

Baritone Sax

Trombones 1 & 2

Trombone 3 & 4

Bass

Guitar  
D D7 G

Drums  
Fill

This musical score is for a 12-piece band. The vocalists (TT and BB) perform the lead melody with lyrics: "I am go-in' far be-yond the sky I'm 'gon-na' Shout and sing (Shout and sing) un-". The piano part features a steady accompaniment with chords D, D7, and G. The bass line provides a consistent rhythmic foundation. The brass section (Trumpets 1 & 4, 2 & 3, Trombones 1 & 2, 3 & 4) and saxophone section (Alto Saxes 1 & 2, Tenor Sax 1 & 2, Baritone Sax) play a melodic line that complements the vocalists. The guitar part consists of a steady eighth-note accompaniment with chords D, D7, and G. The drums play a consistent pattern with a "Fill" indicated in the fourth measure.

# Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 25

144

TT  
til 'ole hea - ven rings. When I bid this 'ole world good - bye, good - bye. When I bid

BB

Piano  
C<sup>7</sup> G D F F<sup>#</sup> G

Bass

Trumpet 1 & 4

Trumpet 2 & 3

Alto Saxes 1 & 2

Tenor Sax 1 & 2

Baritone Sax

Trombones 1 & 2

Trombone 3 & 4

Bass

Guitar  
C<sup>7</sup> G D F F<sup>#</sup> G

Drums

Detailed description of the musical score: This is a page of a musical score for the hymn 'Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship'. The page is numbered 144. It features a variety of instruments and vocal parts. The vocal parts (TT and BB) have lyrics: 'til 'ole hea - ven rings. When I bid this 'ole world good - bye, good - bye. When I bid'. The piano part includes chord markings: C<sup>7</sup>, G, D, F, F<sup>#</sup>, and G. The guitar part also includes these chord markings. The drum part shows a steady rhythm. The brass and woodwind parts (Trumpet 1 & 4, Trumpet 2 & 3, Alto Saxes 1 & 2, Tenor Sax 1 & 2, Baritone Sax, Trombones 1 & 2, Trombone 3 & 4) have various melodic and harmonic lines. The bass part provides a steady accompaniment.

Will the Circle Be Unbroken w/Gospel Ship - WN Score - 26

150

TT  
this 'ole world good - bye, good - bye.

BB

Piano  
D F F# rit.

Bass

Trumpet 1 & 4 rit.

Trumpet 2 & 3 rit.

Alto Saxes 1 & 2 rit.

Tenor Sax 1 & 2 rit.

Baritone Sax rit.

Trombones 1 & 2 rit.

Trombone 3 & 4

Bass rit.

Guitar  
D F F# G rit.

Drums rit.